

BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of July 1, 2021

Roll Call Present: Jim Curran, Chairperson, via Zoom in Niles Charter Township
Don Meeks Sr., Vice Chair via Zoom in Benton Charter Township
David Vollrath, via Zoom in Coloma Charter Township
Julie Wuerfel, via Zoom in Royalton Township

Absent:

Scheduled: Brian Dissette, County Administrator
Mac Elliott, BOC Chairman

Others: Jennifer Arent, Recording Secretary
Tony Benhart, Sodus Township

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:18 am. Roll Call as follows: 4 PRESENT: Curran, Meeks, Vollrath, Wuerfel.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Wuerfel, supported by Vollrath, to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021 meeting. Roll Call Vote as follows: 4 YEAS: Curran, Meeks, Vollrath, Wuerfel. Motion Carried.

Reporting Schedule

Arent distributed the draft reporting schedule for the remainder of 2021. Discussions ensued. For future reference, when the first Thursday is on the 1st of the month, a Sheriff's Department representative should still come in to report verbally, even if the written report is not available yet.

Resolutions

The following Resolutions were moved forward to the full Board:

A2107263 – Authorize execution of Michigan Dept of Transportation Form #2044 to receive a \$10,000 reimbursement for Road Department professional engineer.

A2107264 – Authorize agreement with Abonmarche for continued Management and Technical Assistance through December 31, 2021.

A2107269 – Approve abandonment and discontinuance of a portion of Lincoln Street in Hagar Township.

The following Resolutions were signed Chairman Curran:

C2107258 – To appoint Ms. Davis as acting Health Officer effective July 10, 2021 for a period not to exceed 6 months.

B2107261 – Appreciation of volunteers that assisted with COVID clinics.

B2107256 – Honoring Thomas Watson for 21 years of service.

Q & A with Dissette and Elliott

Dissette discussed Initiated Law 1 of 2018, which sets the amount and distribution of taxes collected from the sales of marijuana. The local units receive a portion and Berrien County is expecting to receive approximately \$140,000, which can be temporarily held in the general fund. Discussions ensued regarding possible uses including drug court, treatment, mental health and/or the juvenile center. Discussions also ensued regarding possible use for the Parks Department. Dissette noted some local units have informally requested the taxes to be remitted to them. He will put together a presentation of possible uses for drug treatment.

Public Comment

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township – I think the only person that can change anything at the Road Department is Greg Trail.

Miscellaneous

None.

Chairman Curran adjourned the meeting at 10:21 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

J Arent

Jennifer Arent
Recording Secretary